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UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §§1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached substitute Form PTO-1449A and Form PTO-1449B. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed more than three months after the filing date of the above referenced application but, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

Copies of some of the listed U.S. Patents and published U.S. Applications were previously submitted in a prior application, Serial No. 09/970,720, upon which Applicants rely for the benefits provided in 35 U.S.C. §120 and are therefore not attached. Copies of the remaining U.S. Patents and published U.S. Applications listed are submitted herewith along with substitute Form PTO-1449A.

A copy of each listed foreign patent document and non-patent literature is attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

An English translation of one of the non-English documents is enclosed. The following is a concise statement of relevance of the remaining non-English language documents.

1. German Patent No. 29 46 561 discloses a vehicle imaging device. Applicants submit that this statement is based on the drawing figures of this document and is not based on any other portion of the document. The undersigned does not read German and makes no representations with respect to the pertinence of the remainder of this document.
2. Japanese Patent Document No. 59-199347 discloses a wiper controller for a vehicle. Applicants submit that this statement is based on the description in the English abstract of this document and is not based on any other portion of the document. A copy of the English abstract is enclosed and is separately cited. The undersigned does not read Japanese and makes no representations with

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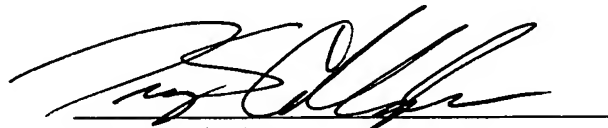
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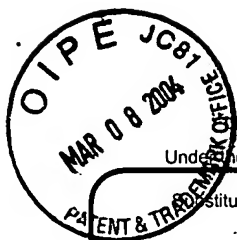
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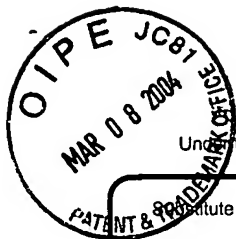
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